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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.